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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

THRU: I. R. Houston, General Counsel

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority Under The Buy American Act

1. It is requested that the Director of Central Intelligence delegate the necessary authority to the Chief of Procurement and Supply to make determinations under the provisions of the Buy American Act (Title 11, Section 2 of Act 3 March 1933, 47 Stat. 1510, 41 U.S. Code 10A-2).

2. Such delegation is to be applicable only to that portion of the Buy American Act (41 U.S. Code 10A) which requires a finding of fact and not the use of discretion.

3. This authority is necessary in connection with the procurement of articles, materials, or supplies required by the Agency that are not mined, produced, or manufactured, as the case may be, within the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities and of a satisfactory quality. An example for the need of such authority is represented by requisition 52-17361 from Communications for two (2) "SECRAPHONE" Unit, Type 6 AC/3, complete with telephone instruments; manufactured by the Telephone Manufacturing Corp. in England, and available through the Technical Material Corp., New York, price \$600 each; required for test and evaluation.

4. Attached hereto is a draft of such delegation for approval.

JAMES A. GARRISON
Chief of Procurement and Supply

1 Encl.
Delegation of Authority
(Foreign Purchases) in
draft form

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